CAREER ASSISTANCE ADVISOR



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OVERVIEW



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- Role of Public Affairs
- The Tools of Public Affairs
- Teamwork (Public Affairs + Career Assistance Advisors)
- Where to get your Information
- Suggested Articles





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Trusted Counsel to Leaders

- Understanding PA's Role
- -- Provides information and guidance on Career Decisions
- -- Helps CC develop information & motivation programs
 - -- Monitors pay and benefits programs
- -- Counsels airman on opportunities and benefits
 - -- Develops and conducts publicity programs
 - -- Writes copy and edits simple news stories and advertisements



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THE RIGHT TOOLS FOR THE JOB

(PA's Responsibilities)

- PA Products
 - -- Base Newspaper
 - -- Commander's Calls
 - -- Speakers Bureau
 - -- Armed Forces Radio and TV Service
 - -- AF Radio News
 - -- AF TV News
 - -- Lithographs



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COMMON DENOMINATOR

FOR ALL

PA CAPABILITIES

INFORMATION

Timely - Accurate - Credible



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TEAMWORK

- Get to know your PA Staff
- Learn what works best for both of you
 - -- Does the base paper want an article or just the

facts?

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- --- Commentary
- --- Viewpoint (Opinion based / General AF topic)



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TEAMWORK (Con't)

- -You are both Custome: and Supplier Career
 - -- Timeliness (know deadlines and meet t
 - -- Photo's are always welcome





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Where to Get Information?

- Rely on your fellow CAAs (CD supplied)
- -- Request articles/Cut & Paste/Plagiarize w/perm
- Keep current w/the following:
 - -- Early Bird
 - -- AFPC News
 - -- Aimpoint

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SUGGESTED ARTICLES

- Article introducing yourself as the new CAA to your Base
- Weekly CAA Tips
- Career Focus Columns (Equal Plus, BOPs, Crosstraining, etc.)
- Retention Articles (Members who came back in and why?)
- Guest SNCO articles of why they made the AF a Career
- Always attempt to get what is hot (i.e. Force
- "Shaping) at the ity service moment into the paper



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<u>SUMMARY</u>

- Public Affairs is an important piece of the puzzle for CAAs
- Start slow, build their confidence in you
- Once your established, utilize PA weekly if possible

